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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art does not disclose posture angular velocity detecting means for detecting or estimating actual posture angular velocity of a predetermined part of robot; accelerometer mounted on robot, motional acceleration estimating means for determining an estimated motional acceleration as an estimated value of an acceleration of accelerometer itself that is generated by a motion of robot by using a motional state amount of robot that includes at least one of a desired motion of desired gait a detected displacement value of a joint of robot and desired displacement value of joint and posture estimating means for estimating an actual posture of predetermined part on basis of at least a detected acceleration value by the accelerometer, estimated motion acceleration and detected or estimated actual posture angular velocity with respect to the rest of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen Masih whose telephone number is 571-272-2068. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 8.30-6.

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